9/29/71

Dear J (cc Flo),

The SFChron clip of 9/22 is one of the things I have been expecting and looking for. This late-night note to explain, so your sharp eye will continue peeled.

It was not possible for all that prison clothing to get into the garbage and then to the dump and buried without two things being true: official made it possible, not by accident, for all that clothing should have been collected, identified and locked up for testing immediately, as even a rookie cop has to know; the the handling, especially mixing with all that garbage and then burying with a bulldozer, probably eliminated its evidentiary value. If all of it was recovered.

By now you have a letter from me going into my belief that Jackson was shot while he was falling. This story alone comes close to confirming it. And it again signals that he had to have left some kind of print on the gun, if he ever had it in his hand.

Here also we are dealing with another magical bullet, one that goes upward from the middle of the back, in a straight line, up the spine, into the head, and it bursts out the top. Only the spine ain t straight. With this trajectory it would have exited below the neck. I'd sure like to see that evidence! There is here a prima facie case of a third bullet at least. Or more lies.

Notice that fracture of the skull, given as separate from the gunshot wound. Remember, I said there would be some evidence that he had been hit and was then shot while he was falling? I think this tends to confirm that analysis.

This refers to only "examination" of Jackson's clothing. That means no more than looking at, and in turn that means only that there was a bullet hole to be accounted for. That does not mean the required tests were made on the clothing and the other evidence.

If a shot in the foot knocked him down, how could he then run on that same foot? I don't think there is any way of learning the sequence of the foot shot. But why did they say it was from a fragment to begin with? More magic? A bullet explodes in the head and a fragment hits the Achilles tendon? And he can still run?

Again on the importance of the clothing, the coroner complained that he could not see it and it led him to great error.

The coning effect in the skull is a legitimate determination of direction, like with a pebble hitting a window. But it could not have been unnoted in the original autopsy, which means that despite his present protests (and his convenient vacation, which precluded questioning when the new report was released -Dallas again!) he had to have been faking from the first. With enough in to cover himself. A simple microscopic examination of the tissue around the entry hole will disclose scorching. And it is always supposed to be made.

The disappearance of the clothing is consistent with the expectation it might disclose powder burns, which could not have come from a shot from a tower. It also, of course, prevents analysis by which a buller can be identified.

This is all so old to me. The same thing over and over and over again and even the potential victims will pay no attention.

But this kind of thing is exactly what we need, and I do hope you will continue to be alert to it.

Best,